

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Osamu Shibata et al.

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STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

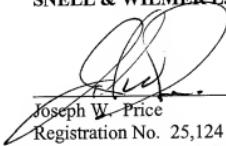
Applicant filed an RCE on February 5, 2007, over one year ago, and has subsequently had phone conferences with Examiner Moorthy wherein it was believed that the case was allowed.

Applicant provided, at the request of the Examiner, an initialed 1449 prior art form that apparently was missing from the file in October 2007.

There have been additional phone calls inquiring as to the status of this application, and applicant would appreciate being informed when a Notice of Allowance would issue in this case.

Very truly yours,

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